

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1–8 are pending in the captioned application. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 5 and 6.

In response to Office Action dated January 3, 2005, and Advisory Action dated April 25, 2005, and in light of Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 5 and 6, Applicants present hereinabove amended claims 1–4 and 7–14. Applicants amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 5. Applicants have also added new independent claim 9, incorporating all the limitations of claims 1 and 6. Applicants submit that the independent claims 1 and 9 are in allowable form. Applicants also submit that the dependent claims 2–4, 7–8 and 10–14, are also in allowable form.

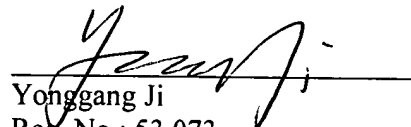
Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a full and complete response to all outstanding objections and rejections. Applicants further believe that the application is now in condition for allowance. However, should any issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at (732) 908-2875 so that the issues might be promptly resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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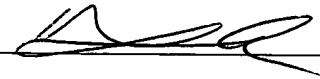

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